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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM OF INFORMAL PSB MEETING, March 19, 1953.

Place: Office of the Under Secretary of State

Present: Messrs. Jackson, Smith, Kyes, Dulles,  
Stassen, Phillips, Morgan.

Agenda Item 1. The March 13th revision of the draft plan on Stalin's death was further revised as follows:

- a. Version B of the Aims (Part I, para. 5 b) was chosen.
- b. A summary was read and generally agreed to of changes for Parts I and II proposed by the State Department. The full written text of these changes is to be supplied to me for incorporation in the next draft.
- c. The old Part III is to be deleted and a general paragraph substituted indicating that political, military and economic actions also are to be conducted consistently with the plan and related to it. The suggestions in the old Part III are to be filed for reference, however.

I was instructed to incorporate all changes in a new draft of the plan and circulate it to the Board for vote-slip action.

Agenda Item 2. The draft "Staff Support for PSB Implementation of NSC Action 734 d (3)" (attached to my memorandum of March 17) was approved with the following changes:

- a. Paragraph C 2 to read: "It will do this by serving as a continuous channel by which action on the psychological exploitation of the situation is coordinated and expedited."
- b. Paragraph C 3 a. to read: "WGS will supervise preparation and coordination of supporting psychological plans and projects for operations implementing the strategic concept set forth in Part I."

Agenda Item 3. The "Proposal for Encouragement of Additional Single Male Youth to Defect from East Germany" (State memo of March 9) was re-examined in the light of a letter from General Crittenger and other considerations. The Board recognized that the project is a desirable one if it can be implemented and controlled politically, financially and materially. The Board decided that the matter should be re-examined when High Commissioner Conant and Mr. Harris pay their expected visit to Washington, and that meanwhile existing policies should remain in force.

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In this connection, Mr. Dulles asked that the Board re-examine national policy on defection at an early meeting to see if the requirement of selectivity outside the U.S.S.R. is too narrow.

Agenda Item 4/ The Board decided to continue weekly informal meetings of the type held today.

  
George A. Morgan  
Acting Director

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